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ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL APPOINTS NEW MEMBERS OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON – Acting Architect of the Capitol Stephen T. Ayers, AIA, LEED AP, recently appointed three members to the Office of the Architect of the Capitol's (AOC's) Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is composed of three voting members from outside the AOC. The AOC's Inspector General and Chief Financial Officer serve as non-voting members. The Committee provides oversight for financial reporting, internal controls, and auditor activities.

Over the past several years, the AOC has continued to improve its cost accounting procedures and internal controls, and received its fifth consecutive clean audit opinion from independent auditors on all of its financial statements in 2009.

John D. Webster, CPA, CGFM, has a one-year appointment and will serve as Chair for the FY 2010 audit cycle. He has served on the Committee since its inception in 2003. Since his retirement from Federal government in 2005, he has provided independent consulting and training services. Previously, he served as Chief Financial Officer at the Library of Congress. He is Chair of the Association of Government Accountants Audit Committee and Vice-Chairman of its *Journal of Government Financial Management* Editorial Board.

John Griffin, CPA, has a new two-year appointment. Mr. Griffin is Senior Vice President and Controller at AARP. His prior jobs include Director of Corporate Finance at the National Geographic Society, Controller at the National Headquarters of The Salvation Army, and an auditor with Deloitte. He currently serves as President and Chairman of the Board of the Greater Washington Society of CPAs, and is also a member of the Board of Directors of the World Relief, serving as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Jeffrey Alan Smith, CPA, CGFM, joins the Committee with a three-year appointment. Mr. Smith has been the Chief Financial Officer with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission since 2001. His previous Federal experience included the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Treasury's Financial Management Service. He also consulted with several other government agencies. He is a member of the Greater Washington Society of CPAs, Virginia Society of CPAs, and the Association of Government Accountants.

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The three-year term of Michael Lampley, CPA, expires at the end of September 2010. Mr. Lampley has been a financial consultant since retiring in 2000 as a partner with Ernest & Young LLP, where he was affiliated with the audits of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the U.S. Postal Service, the Organization of American States, and the Department of Education. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the D.C. Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the Association of Government Accountants.